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ON THE

**Work Of The Nari Seva Sangha**

JANUARY 1944

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## THE NARI SEVA SANGHA

### ANNUAL REPORT

#### *Distress and Disintegration in Bengal*

The famine in 1943 worked havoc in the life of our people and created a legacy of misery and devastation all over Bengal. Estimates about the actual extent of the disaster may vary, but it can be safely asserted that many hundred thousands perished from hunger and disease while thousands of homes must have been broken up. The number of destitutes and people on brink of destitution in the province reached up to several millions. In very many cases, the breadwinners of the families died off first so that the women have been the worst sufferers and were often left without shelter or adequate means of livelihood. The wave of epidemics in 1944 aggravated the situation. Social disintegration threatened the entire province. Women were being thrown out into the streets and multitudes of them were being forced into a life of shame in a country which had always boasted about its purity and modesty. To save the women of Bengal became not only an urgent impulse of humanity but also the most essential social responsibility. Without it there could be no question of any rehabilitation of our social structure or rural economy.

#### *Relief and Rehabilitation*

Naturally enough the social conscience of our people was stirred, though perhaps the response was

hardly equal to the magnitude of the crisis and was hampered by apathy, a feeling of helplessness, differences of opinion and political factors. Old and new relief organisations and even isolated individuals hurried to the help of the distressed, and after some time the Government too was moved to some action. But the magnitude of the problem is such that it cannot be tackled effectively by any single relief organisation or even by the State without a mobilisation of the efforts of everybody. It is only an all-out common effort, non-official as well as official covering and co-ordinating all groups and organisations, which can even hope to face with some chance of success the almost overwhelming task before us. This consciousness together with the practical experience in actual relief work and its many difficulties led to the genesis of the Nari Seva Sangha in the first quarter of 1944, as a humble step forward and a small contribution to the grim battle against our national crisis.

### *Formation of the Nari Seva Sangha*

On January 13, 1944, a conference of all the relief organisations was convened in Calcutta at the instance of the Mahila Atmaraksha Samiti. 62 persons attended, including the representatives of 16 relief societies. The conference set up an organising committee to create a representative central co-ordinating body to focus attention on and try to deal with the entire problem of relief and rehabilitation of the afflicted women of Bengal. The provisional committee began at once with a plan of immediate work and drafted a constitution for the central body. After discussion in several general meetings, the

draft constitution was finally approved on March 1944, and slightly amended in the light of later experience on August 15. The provisional committee carried on the work of organisation till April 1, 1944, when the present Executive Committee was formally elected by a general meeting and took over charge.

### *Organisation of the Nari Seva Sangha*

The central co-ordinating organisation which thus came into existence has been given the name of the Nari Seva Sangha. It consists of a General Council with two representatives from each co-ordinated organisation and a number of individual members. The list of the membership of the General Council will be found in the Appendix III.

The members include such well-known societies as the Bengal Women's Food Committee, Bengal Presidency Council of Women, Hindu Mahasabha, Hindu Mission, Friends Ambulance Unit, Calcutta Vigilance Association, Ramkrishna Mission, Saroj Nalini Association, Nari Siksha Samiti, Y. W. C. A. Mahila Atmaraksha Samiti and the Peoples' Relief Committee. The original member organisations numbered 18 while in later months two more joined namely the Rampara Welfare Society and Ballygunge Relief Committee.

The chief functions of the Nari Seva Sangha are to see that relief is given where it is most needed, to provide for general inspection, and to set up a general standard of relief work among women. Each co-ordinated organisation can still of course raise money and work on its own as before

while receiving grants-in-aid and other help at times from the Sangha as the central co-ordinating body. In special or urgent circumstances, the Sangha however can start and run residential Homes or non-residential Work Centres under its direct management.

The General Council has exercised supervision over the work of the Sangha and has met six times in the period under review. But naturally, the transaction of ordinary business had to be entrusted to a smaller body, the Executive Committee elected by and responsible to it.

### *Executive Committee*

The Executive Committee was constituted as follows :—

*President :— Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee*

*Vice-Presidents :—Mrs. Hemlata Mitra (Calcutta Vigilance Association)*

*Mrs. S. C. Roy (Nari Siksha Samiti)*

*Dr. B. C. Roy (Calcutta Relief Committee)*

*Treasurer :— Dr. S. B. Dutt*

*Secretaries :— Mrs. Seeta Chaudhuri*

*Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya  
(Peoples' Relief Committee)*

*Members :— Mrs. N. C. Sen (Hindu Mission)  
Mrs. B. M. Sen (Lilooah Abala Asram)*

Mrs. Leela Majumdar (Bengal Presidency Council of Women)  
Mrs. Ela Reid (Bengal Women's Food Committee)  
Miss N. B. Shome (Saroj Nalini Association)  
Miss Kamala Chatterjee (Mahila Atmaraksha Samiti)  
Miss Pamela Bankart (Friends' Ambulance Unit)  
Miss Meera Dutta Gupta (Dover Road Canteen)  
Swami Punyananda (Ramkrishna Mission)  
Mr. J. N. Banerjee (Hindu Mahasabha)  
Mr. S. N. Mukherji (Hindu Sishu & Prasuti Bhawan)  
Dr. Sourin Ghose.  
Mr. K. U. Patel.

In July, 1944, Prof K. P. Chattopadhyaya resigned his office as one of the Secretaries. The General Council created a post of Assistant Secretary and Mr. Sisir Basu of Rampara Welfare Society was elected to this office. Prof. S. C. Sarkar (Peoples' Relief Committee) was appointed a member of the Executive Committee in place of Prof. Chattopadhyaya at the same meeting.

The Executive Committee has met 15 times since its constitution.

*Office and General Work*

After some months, the general work of the Sangha was centralised in an office at 44, Lansdowne Road in the premises of the Padmapukur Institution. The office has since been removed to 164, Lansdowne Road. At present the increasing routine work makes the expansion of the paid office staff an urgent necessity. Much of the office work so far has been done by volunteer helpers from one or two co-ordinated societies. New lines of activity cannot be satisfactorily opened up without a provision for such expansion.

The first problem was to popularise the Sangha and give publicity to its aim and objects. A fairly good start was made with a few generous donations specially a grant of Rs. 10,000/- from the Bengal Relief Association (see Appendix). On June 17, 1944, a public meeting was held in the Indian Association Hall to draw attention to the programme of the Sangha ; Sreemati Indira Devi presided over this meeting. On June 26, 1944, a Flag Day was organised with the help of a large number of volunteers with a total collection of Rs. 1,776-4-6p. The Press was approached from time to time for the publication of statements and news items about the work of the Sangha. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Lady Abala Bose and Lady Pratima Mitter kindly agreed to be the Patrons of our organisation. An Interim Report covering the period from January to July, 1944, was issued and widely circulated. The great success of the Exhibition of the Sangha held during the Christmas holidays did much to attract general attention to our work.

The second task was the organisation of technical work and detailed planning. In April, 1944, an Inspection Committee was set up to visit homes and work-centres. On July 22, a special conference was held to extend this work of inspection and to form a panel of ladies who were to be approached in this connection for their services. Some amount of inspection has been done but the Sangha still badly needs the service of regular inspection and some provision will have to be made for such a staff. In August, the Sangha worked out a detailed estimate for 8 homes and 43 work-centres which might be opened in ten different districts and asked for a grant from the Government for this work. The Government however preferred to wait for their own scheme of rehabilitation with its own programme. At the end of August, the Sangha submitted a Memorandum to the Famine Commission analysing the nature of the disaster and recommending remedial measures. In September, the Executive Committee considered some suggestions from Miss Bankart and appointed three sub-committees for Publicity, Training and Marketing. Circulars were also sent out to the members to collect information and statistics with some model charts and questionnaire.

Thirdly, the Sangha had to undertake some amount of distribution work in regard to supplies of raw materials to co-ordinated bodies.

We are grateful to our co-ordinated bodies for the whole-hearted co-operation which we have received from them. Special mention in this connection may be made of the Rampara Welfare Society which gave us an advance of over Rs. 11,000/- in order to

enable us to purchase yarn which is being distributed to co-ordinated bodies at cost price. The same society have provided us with a godown for keeping stock of yarn free of cost. Through the courtesy of F. A. U., another co-ordinated body and of the American Friends Service we were given 135,000 multi-vitamin tablets free. We have already distributed 51,600 tablets with very good result. (Yarn statement—Appendix II.)

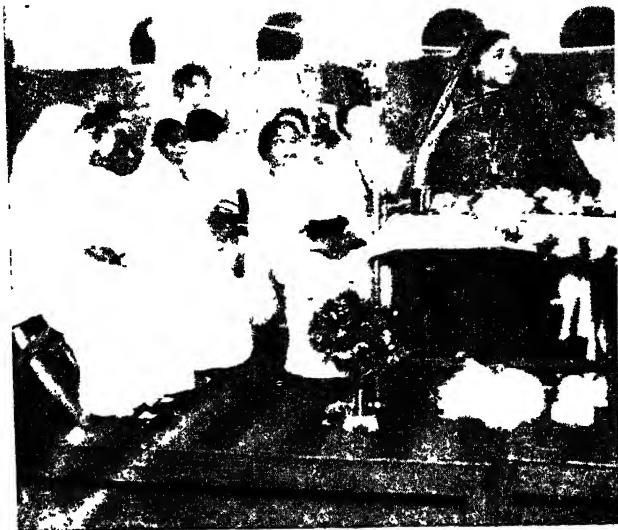
We have distributed at controlled rate 600 yds printed cloth to our co-ordinated bodies which we have purchased from the Revenue Department, Government of Bengal. About 600 pieces of Dhuties and Sarees have also been distributed to the needy Public.

We purchased some dyestuffs at controlled prices from the I. C. I. and as the inmates of our Home have learnt the art of dyeing well, we also have undertaken to dye yarn for our co-ordinated bodies.

Our endeavour to move the Government of Bengal to take interest in our work bore fruit to words the close of the year 1944 and we began to receive its active help and support for which we are greateful.

### *Exhibition of Handicrafts*

At the initiative of the Publicity Sub-committee, a general conference of our members was held on October 26, 1944, to consider ways and means for an exhibition of handicrafts to popularise the work of the Sangha and its co-ordinated associations. This



Mrs. Sarojini Naidu opening our Exhibition, on Dec., 28th  
1944 at the Presidency College, Calcutta.



Mrs. Sarojini Naidu with the President and members of the  
Executive Committee at our Exhibition



Mrs. Sarojini Naidu with Lady Protima Mitter (on her right)  
on a visit to our Home in Calcutta.



Inmates of our Home in Calcutta

meeting set up a special Exhibition Committee with Mrs. Hemlata Mitra as President and Mrs. Kamala Mukherji as Secretary. The Exhibition Committee held weekly meetings and organised a very successful display.

The Exhibition was held on the last four days of December, 1944, in the spacious rooms of the Presidency College kindly placed at our disposal by Principal A. K. Chanda. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu travelled down to Calcutta specially for the purpose of opening the Exhibition and encouraged us by attending nearly all our functions. There was a splendid response from the public and a total of 15000 persons paid for their admission at the gate. Stalls were taken by all our active member-organisations and by nearly every outside organisation, engaged in women's relief which still happened to be non-members. A very large number of exhibits were displayed in the stalls and heavy sales were reported by many. Mrs. Casey kindly visited the Exhibition and expressed her appreciation of the work of the relief societies.

The Exhibition provided other attractions as well. On four successive evenings, plays, songs and dances were put on the stage by the Uttarayanee Club, the Purva Parishad, Mrs. Uma De and the Bengal Branch of the Indian People's Theatre Association respectively, all of whom deserve our grateful thanks. The four performances brought us a net gain of Rs. 2668/2/- . Two educative symposia concerning the Training scheme for women social workers, were held on Basic Education and Adult Education, presided over respectively by Mrs. Soudamini Mehta and the

Director of Public Instruction, Bengal, and addressed by several experts all of whom gave us their ungrudging co-operation. A Rehabilitation Conference was also organised on the different aspects of the problem before us, Mrs. Naidu participating in the discussion along with many other speakers. Practical demonstrations in paper-making, mat-making, and weaving were given by the Mahila Atma-raksha Samiti, the Banharishpur Centre of the Sangha and Government Industrial Department. The same Department arranged for free shows of educative films. Striking posters on the distress in Bengal attracted much attention while a Health Exhibition and a display of charts, and diagrams were organised by Dr. Sourin Ghosh and the Peoples' Relief Committee. (Appendix IC)

Another handicrafts exhibition, on a much smaller scale however, was held in the middle of April, 1945, in the Hall of the Padmapukur Institution kindly placed at our disposal by the school authorities. This was kept open for three days and stalls were taken by nine of our co-ordinated member organisations.

Handicraft exhibitions are specially useful under present circumstances for marketing the products of the industrial centres run by the relief societies and for arousing public interest and attention in the work which is being done. The Sangha is ready to establish and maintain in Calcutta a permanent Show Room and Shop to be stocked with the products of the different centre. Mr. Bhimani has offered his generous help in this project as soon as suitable roomis are found for the purpose.

### *Training Scheme and Camp*

The lack of technically trained and responsible workers is a serious handicap to any systematic relief and rehabilitation programme, especially in the countryside. All relief organisations have felt the need for an effective scheme for a regular training of women social workers who may be placed in charge of residential Homes or serve as organisers and supervisors of non-residential Work-Centres. An attempt is being made by our Training Sub-Committee to tackle this problem.

The Sub-Committee has prepared a detailed syllabus, with the help of several experts, for a short course of intensive training for prospective women social workers. The training period for each batch of about 30 will be at least three months. For the first two months, instruction is to be given in a Camp in Calcutta, to be followed by a month of training in the rural surroundings of some selected village work centres. The first batch of trainees was selected from the lists obtained from the various organisations co-ordinated with the Sangha. It is expected that the first batch will be followed by others similarly recruited in regular succession so that the Training Scheme may become a normal feature of the rehabilitation programme in our province.

Our Training Camp began to function at 15, Dover Road, from February 5, 1945, and was formally inaugurated on March 2, by Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya who officiated for Lady Abala Bose. Later, the Camp had to be shifted to the Lake Road area. The 30 selected candidates represent many districts.

Government has agreed to bear half the cost of the Camp and to provide all facilities.

The theoretical course of instruction is arranged under five heads :—(a) organisation and management of homes and work-centres ; (b) rural and social economy including the elementary principles of co-operation ; (c) human problems in relation to rehabilitation and rescue work ; (d) personal and social hygiene ; and (e) elements of adult education and literacy. The curriculum was prepared by, amongst others, Dr. Souren Ghose, Mr. Bilas Mukherji and Mr. H. K. Sanyal.

The practical instruction includes, besides attendance at clinics and medical centres like Lady Dufferin Hospital and Alipur clinic), some training in some of the crafts included in the list like spinning, weaving, tailoring and cane-work.

The Camp has been organised as a small community under a responsible resident Lady Superintendent, Mrs. Asru Das. Here, the daily life itself aims to provide a valuable training in its own way. A detailed daily routine is followed by the students who at the same time manage the household life of the Camp by rotation. Craft-work occupies the hours from 12 P.M. to 3 P. M. while theoretical classes are usually from 4 to 6 P.M. Every night, there is group discussion about the day's work, while a spinning hour is provided in the morning. The necessary household work is distributed amongst the inmates of the Camp, while from time to time they are taken to visit different centres within easy reach.

After three months of intensive training, the trainees were sent to Sarisa for a week to see village

conditions and do some survey work. The Ramkrishna Mission made all arrangements for their stay there. Profs. Tarak Das, Nabendu Dutt Majumdar, Mr. Ramkrishna Mukherji and Prof. Jyotsna Bose accompanied the trainees and gave them instructions. After that the trainees went to Singur for instructions in Dai training and village sanitation. Dr. Orkney and Dr. Mrs. Mukta Sen of the All India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health helped to organise this training.

The course was conducted entirely in Bengali. Camp life was residential and so the course was intensive and the period of training covered the whole day. Keeping together and working jointly in sympathy with each other is essential for social workers.

The actual instructors were Mr. & Mrs. Bilas Mukherji, Mr. Hiran Sanyal, Mr. Benoy Banerjee, Mrs. Sujata Davies, Dr. Tarak Das, Dr. Gopeshwar Pal, Dr. N. P. Mukherjee, Mr. Kundu, Mr. Brojendra Bhadra and Dr. Kanak Das. Special lectures were given by Prof. Prasanta Mahalanobis, Prof. K. P. Chattopadhyaya, Sj. Gopal Haldar, Prof. Karuna Mukherjee, Dr. A. C. Ukil, Mr. Santosh Bhanja and Mr. Santipriya Basu. An examination was held on completion of the training and the results were encouraging. The actual training period was for 4 months.

The trained workers have been employed, 2 by the Bengal Women's Food Committee, 8 by Mahila Atma raksha Samiti, 4 by the Nari Seva Sangha, 1 by Nari Kalyan Bhaban, 3 by the Government and several are

learning weaving at the Nari Seva Sangha Industrial Centre in Calcutta.

We called a Press Conference at Mahabodhi Hall on June 8th, 1945, at 5-30 P. M. The conference was held under the presidency of Prof. Chattopadhyaya and was well attended. The objective of the Training Camp for women social workers as well as the experience gained by trainees in course of their period of training was explained to the Press representatives.

The Sangha aims at stabilising the Training Scheme with regular and successive batches of students. It counts on the active interest and generous support of the public in working this experiment.

A second Training Camp started on August 1st, 1945, and was inaugurated by Dr. B. C. Roy.

### **Management of Homes and Work Centres.**

From the outset, the Sangha had to undertake, more or less directly, the organisation and management of a few Homes and Work Centres, in addition to its general co-ordinating activity.

*The Nari Seva Sangha Home—Lansdowne Road—*  
 This was started in June 1944 with 13 women. This Home now has 55 inmates. They all come from middle class families. Some of these women have their children with them. Boys over 5 are sent to the Ramkrishna Mission Boys' Home. The little girls have been admitted in schools and are also taught handicrafts in the Home. Older women do all their household work and are taught weaving, spinning,



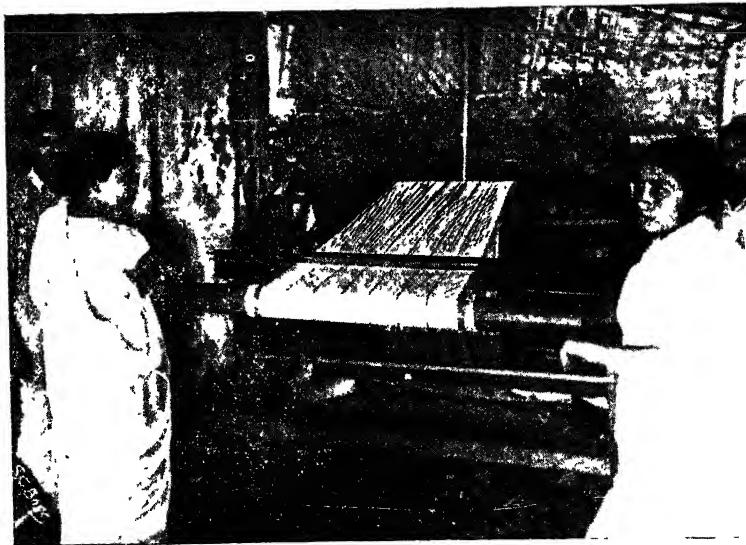
Our 1st Training Camp for Women Social Workers



Tailoring instruction at our 1st Training Camp for Women Social Workers.



Cane-Work and Spinning Class in our Home, in Calcutta.



Weaving Class in our Home in Calcutta.

tailoring, embroidery, leather work and making condiments etc. Regular literacy classes are also held. Three women have been sent for nurses' training and two were trained as social workers in the first N. S. S. Training Camp. They are finishing their weaving course now. The house is large and airy. It is a three-storied building of which the Home occupies the second floor, the first floor being taken by the Training Camp, while the offices and weaving classes are in the ground floor. The goods produced by the Home are partly sent to the N. S. S. shop and partly sold at the Home. So far 25 women have been rehabilitated to their respective villages from this home.

*Banharishpur Industrial Centre*—The number of women is 50 belonging to landless working class. It was started in October, 1944. There are 13 looms for mat-making and 50 women are employed to prepare sticks, make jute strings and weave mats. The women are given wages on production basis weekly. The mats are sold locally. Several large orders have been supplied too, one of them being a Government order for 200 mats. Recently three handlooms have also been set up and are producing towels, bed sheets etc. A shed had to be constructed for the purpose. There is a superintendent and a weaving teacher in charge of the centre.

*Manikgunge Industrial Centre (Button Factory)*—The Nari Seva Sangha Manikgunge Button Factory was started in May 1945 and employs 30 women. A superintendent, who was at the first N. S. S. Training Camp, is in charge. The average output

is 150 gross of shell buttons per month. Women are paid on production basis weekly and receive free rations during training period.

*Gabua Home & Industrial Centre*—The Home in Gubia (Noakhali) was started in February, 1945 with 7 women and 7 children learning weaving and net-making. The number has now risen to 14 women and 13 children. The women mostly consist of the fisherman class, two of whom were rehabilitated by us in their native villages. Government sanctioned Rs. 50/- and Rs. 70/- for the two and both are now earning their own living. The production of the Home since February are 7 hoglas, 15 gamchas, 235 yds of fishing net, 90 pieces of small sarees and dhuties, 52 pieces of large sarees and dhuties, 6 pairs towels, 70 dairries. The Bengal Relief Committee donated Rs. 702/- as recurring expenditure for six months at Rs. 117/- per month and Rs. 600/- as capital expenditure.

*Nari Seva Sangha Silpasram, Bhola*—The Silpasram at Bhola started in September, 1944 with 15 women and 13 children. The inmates were taught weaving and spinning. They produced sarees, dhuties and bed-sheets, which were sold locally. The Nari Seva Sangha gave them a capital grant of Rs. 1700/- for constructing sheds and purchasing looms etc. and Rs. 250/- in October with a recurring grant of Rs. 100/- from November for 6 months. They have written to say they do not need grants any more.

*Endi Spinning & Weaving Centre, Baluchara (Faridpur)*—An 'endi' spinning and weaving centre has been started at Baluchara and N. S. S. sent a



Inmates and Trainees of our Home and Industrial Centre,  
Gabua, Noakhali.



The 1st Training Camp for Women Social Workers.  
for village Survey at the Ramkrishna Mission.  
Sarisha.



The 1st Training Camp for Women Social Workers  
in the actual field of Survey Work in Sarisha.

capital grant of Rs. 300/- for purchasing 6 special endi spinning charkas for the centre while the local Mahila Atmaraksha Samiti had previously purchased 5 charkas thus making the total 11 charkas. Each of these charkas has to be worked by two persons and thus 22 women are employed there. The N. S. S. also sent Rs. 100/- as wages for women for the first two months and also Rs. 100/- for purchase of cocoons. The Bengal Relief Committee has donated Rs. 250/- for the centre.

*Nari Seva Sangha Industrial Centre, Sonarang Dacca*—Nari Seva Sangha sanctioned a grant of Rs. 400/- to the local Mahila Atmaraksha Samiti for purchasing a new loom and repairing their old loom and also for buying some charkas and organising a spinning and weaving centre there. The amount of Rs. 350/- has already been remitted to them.

*Abala Asram, Lilooah*—The Nari Seva Sangha took over the internal management of the Abala Asram in Lilooah which is a Rescue Home and was given an assurance by Mr. P. D. Himmatsingka that he would manage the financial side of it. As such, the institution has been re-organised and the Asram has now a graduate Superintendent, two teachers and a trained nurse. The percentage of child mortality has gone down considerably in the maternity hospital of the Asram since the Sangha took a hand in the management. The Children are being given a proper education in regular classes that are held and are being taught sewing, knitting etc. The S. D. O. Howrah presented the Asram with a handloom and also made a grant of Rs. 600/- for

purchasing materials for weaving. Weaving has not yet been started there, but we hope, it will be done in a near future. The Red Cross has given milk powder for the children and also multi-vitamin tablets which have considerably improved the children's health.

The Education Department has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 100/- for a primary school in the Asram.

The Nari Seva Sangha is trying to secure a Government grant for the Asram which now has 273 inmates including 152 children.

### **Grants-in-aid given by the N. S. S.**

(1) *To A. I. W. C. Home, Barisal*—Rs. 1000/- for starting a tailoring-section at there home.

(2) *To Tanti Bazar M. A. R. S (Dacca)*—Rs 500/- for constructing a shed for their centre to accommodate five looms.

(3) *To Nari Kalyan Bhawan, Barisal*—This Home & Industrial Centre is run by the local M. A. R. S. The Home consists of 52 inmates including children. So far they have received Rs. 3,000/- from public donations, relief organisations and Government. Nari Seva Sangha sanctioned Rs. 100/- only as recurring grant for 6 months from April 1945. The industrial section is attached to the Home. Three looms are working there now.

### *The Nari Seva Sangha Shop*

The Nari Seva Sangha has opened a shop at 10/C, Ashutosh Mookerjee Road where all products made at the Homes and Industrial Centres of our co-ordinated organisations as well as our own are

displayed and sold. The rent of the shop would be subscribed for by our co-ordinated bodies. An accountant has been put in charge of the shop and a Manager and a Durwan have been appointed.

We have had good response from our co-ordinated bodies in this move.

### **Independent work of the co-ordinated members.**

The co-ordinated members of the Nari Seva Sangha have been carrying on widespread and very useful work of rendering assistance to people in distress. In the short compass of our Report, it is not possible to give an adequate account of their activities. The information sent to our Central Office is neither complete nor exactly up to date, for several of our members have not yet sent in their reports while in many cases the reports received do not cover the later part of the period under our review. We are offering here therefore with due apologies only a fragmentary picture.

### *Bengal Presidency Council of Women.*

The Milk canteen run by the Public Service Group continued to distribute milk supplied by the Indian Red Cross daily to about 350 infants and expectant mothers. Its kitchen however was turned into an industrial school for about 60 children who received one daily meal and medical attendance and were taught literacy, handicrafts and hygiene. Medicine and clothing were distributed in several villages and a school was opened at Dolugachi for over 100 children. The Group also tried to co-operate with the cleaner Calcutta Campaign and

visited the Government Home, Hospital and clearing station for beggars.

*Bengal Women's Food Committee.*

In April 1944, the Committee was reorganised to concentrate on rehabilitation. It opened and maintained a resident Home and a Work-Centre for 100 women each at Majipur, Jainagar and Madhyamgram respectively. The Home is situated on land donated by Mr. M. N. Dutt and the Work Centre on land loaned from Captain S. C. Dutt. In both places arrangements have been made for instruction in literacy and crafts like weaving, spinning, needle-work, leather craft and cane work and toymaking. Substantial contributions have been received from Lady Srivastava and Mr M N. Dutt. The committee opened a medical centre at Kadapara (off Narkeldanga Main Road) and ran two free milk canteens in Calcutta.

*Friends' Ambulance Unit.*

As late as December, 1944, 95 children's canteens were still open feeding on an average 100 each managed by local committees at the expense of the F. A. U. The Milk Centres numbered 1628 and served approximately one lakh of infants and nursing mothers daily. In the winter a scheme of distribution of clothes and blankets through children canteens, milk centres and other agencies was undertaken. Three experimental industrial centres were organised in the districts of Midnapore and 24 Parganas to rehabilitate groups of persons by providing occupations like handloom and frame-weaving, rug and mat making, dyeing and needle work. A Scheme

of village reconstruction was undertaken at Hathiberya in Contai sub-division. Members of the Unit assisted in the organisation of a boat building yard at Chittagong for cheap boats for fishermen and of a scheme for supplying materials for basket-making at Dacca. The American Friends obtained from their country millions of tablets of drugs and vitamins and distributed them through various agencies. Some members of the Unit were called in to assist Government in its rehabilitation programme.

### *Hindu Sishu-O-Prasuti Bhawan*

The Home in the year ending March, 1945, maintained 29 orphan babies while 26 expectant mothers were treated and nursed. 14 pupils were given a preliminary training in nursing with free board and lodging outdoor and indoor patients receiving free treatment numbered 2753.

### *Nari Siksha Samiti*

This pioneer society for women's welfare, founded by Lady Abala Bose, celebrated last year its 25th Anniversary. It runs a number of village primary schools for girls, the number given in its last report being 21 in 5 districts with a total of about 1500 pupils. Four adult-education centres are being conducted while four other centres have been opened for dairy-training and child-welfare. The Widows' Home (Vidyasagar Bani Bhawan) had to be evacuated to Jhargram where a branch has been opened already. Its industries section is a great success with various activities like spinning, weaving, knitting, tailoring, leathercraft and recently sericulture. The Bani Bhawan has received great help from the Raja of

Jhargram and Rai Bahadur D M. Bhattacharya. The Samiti maintains also the Mahila Silpa Bhavan which has now come back to Calcutta and gives free instruction in arts and crafts to about fifty women. The subjects taught include weaving, embroidery, needlework, toy-making, leather-work. Both the Bani Bhavan and the Silpa Bhavan prepare pupils for the Lady Brabourne Diploma examinations. The Junior Training School run by the Samiti has now to be housed at Jhargram, along with the Bani Bhavan, for the emergency period.

*Peoples' Relief Committee.*

In addition to money spent subsidising village kitchen in the famine periods the Peoples' Relief Committee endeavoured from the beginning to foster local energies taking the form of united food committees and to assist local efforts at rehabilitation. We find from their report that by the end of November, 1944, the P. R. C. had given solid financial and other aid to rehabilitation projects in different parts of Bengal. Such schemes included plans for canal-making, embankments, drainage, weaving and spinning, supply of looms and yarn, work-centre for handicrafts etc Apart from such assistance, the P. R. C. made substantial grants to the Women's Homes at Noakhali and Barisal which were organised largely in this way, and to the orphanages at Dacca and Rajsahi. For medical relief the P. R. C. took the initiative in the formation of the Bengal Medical Relief Co-ordination Committee and lent the services of six of its leading workers to the B. M. R. C. C. in its organisational efforts. The P. R. C. spent . on . its own

70,000 rupees for medical relief. It managed directly 11 standardised Medical Units run by part-timers and mainly supported by local funds Clothes and blankets worth more than Rs. 36,000 were distributed by the P. R. C. The Committee all along has specialised in running campaigns and organising public opinion on the demands of the hour from the introduction of rationing of food to the proper distribution of cloth and yarn today.

*Saroj Nalini Dutt Memorial Association.*

This Association founded in the memory of one of the pioneers of social work for women is completing its 20th year. It has organised guided and co-ordinated about 400 Mahila Samitees all over Bengal. The local Samitees consist of groups of women interested in their own welfare and are purely women's organisation. The Association tries to help the Societies by sending out industrial instructresses and lecturers and by organising training classes and exhibitions. In 1944 industrial training was imparted by instructresses to 600 women and girls and 6 dai-training classes were conducted. Certificate and diploma examinations have been instituted for the students of the Samitee. The Association maintains in Calcutta an Industrial School which gives instruction to about 70 girls in a multitude of subjects including weaving, cutting, knitting, embroidery, leather embossing, carpet-making, toy making, brass engraving and enamelling. The instruction is practically free. A Junior Teachers' Training School for women is also being run and a Hostel is maintained for both the training and the industrial

schools. The Association has in the Banglakshmi a Bengali monthly organ A Hindu Widows' Home at Puri, founded by Lady Chatterjee, with an attached industrial section is now managed by the Association. Two Milk Canteens for about 500 children in Calcutta are still being run while clothes, blankets and medicines were distributed through local Samitees.

### *Mahila Atmaraksha Samiti*

According to the latest report received, the Samiti is still running 8 centres having 150 workers in Calcutta and a total of 51 centres distributed over 12 districts in Bengal. In Calcutta the Paper making Centre employs 19 women each of whom earn about fifteen rupees a month. The other 7 Calcutta centres are engaged in tailoring and embroidery, their products being usually disposed of in the localities in which they are situated. All the centres have recently been federated under a Co-operative Society with a central committee of management. The Centres in the different districts are grouped as follows :—

Faridpur	3 centres (weaving, canework, making of “endi”)
Bogra	2 centres (weaving and coir making).
Barisal	2 „ (weaving, canework, rope- making, tailoring).
„	(1 home for destitute women).
Khulna	3 „ (tailoring, mat-making).
Noakhali	2 „ (miscellaneous crafts).
Hooghly	5 „ (weaving and sewing).
Howrah	3 „ (tailoring and mat-making).
Malda	6 „ (sewing and barley making).

Mymensingh 2 Centres (weaving, rice-husking and wheat milling).

Dinajpur	6	,	(sewing and cane-work).
Dacca	1	,	(spinning and weaving).
Comilla	3	,	("Sati" making and cane-work)
Julpaiguri	1	,	(tailoring).
Midnapur	4	,	(weaving and cane-work).
Nadia	2	,	(weaving and wheat-milling).
Pabna	2	,	( , , , ).
<b>24 Parganas</b>	<b>4</b>	,	(weaving and sewing).

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51 , & (one Home)

These centres have sent in the actual number of women engaged in some crafts or other. The total in these cases came upto 650.

#### *The Ballygunge Relief Committee.*

The Ballygunge Relief Committee started as a khichuri and milk kitchen in 1943 and has since kept up their activities by continuing the milk kitchen and organising an Industrial Centre for women at 81, Lansdowne Road. They employ about 45 women who are taught embroidery, tailoring, making condiments etc. The women are paid monthly on piece work basis. Their milk kitchen caters for about 300 children for which the Red Cross supplies free milk. They also run an elementary school with the milk kitchen.

#### *Young Women's Christian Association.*

In July and August 1944, a number of villages were visited to investigate conditions resulting from the famine. After surveying number of villages, a

centre was set up at Kharberia. A small house was purchased, a shed was constructed for weaving and craft work and a shelter was built which would serve for a small school. The main craft is weaving. Spinning is also introduced charkhas having been donated by Bengal Christian Council. Ten boys are attending the centre. They are making baskets, morahs etc., Jute spinning too is introduced and attractive mats are being made. Along with the crafts work general education is also imparted. Adult literacy classes are held and women are taught simple health-care and Child Welfare. The area round the centre is being cultivated by women and vegetables are grown to supplement their diet.

The present situation is such that they are hoping to take up a bigger scheme for these homeless, where they may set up co-operative farming with an attached nursery school.

#### *The Hindu Mission.*

The famine relief work of the Hindu Mission was started in the year 1943. In April 1944 the number of famine stricken people, orphans, destitute persons taken care of in different Mission Homes at Calcutta, Jhargram, Asansole, Contai etc. was 360. This number came down to 200 in the closing month of March 1945. The total expenditure on this account exceeded Rupees 80,000/- including Government grant. With a view to give proper training to the destitute women, the Mission started Industrial Homes at Calcutta and Jhargram in the month of September 1944, where arrangements were made to give training in the line of weaving, dyeing, tailoring.

and leather works. A batch of 20 women have completed the training of weaving and dyeing. 64 inmates are receiving training in the Industrial Homes now. On this account the Mission had to spend about Rs. 20,000/- . The total production and sale in this section up to July 1945, was about Rs 12,000/- . The weaving work of the Mission was highly appreciated by both the Government officials and public. In the year 1944 the Mission distributed yarn to the weavers and fisher-men free of charge and at concessional rates in the District of Jessore and in Madaripore Sub-Division. Number of Dhuties and Sarees were distributed to the orphans and destitute women free of charge. The Revenue Department of the Government of Bengal and the Director of Industries were very pleased to help the Mission in the matter of obtaining yarn and cloth. It is expected that the Industrial Home of the Mission will be able to give training to a large number of destitute women every year in order to enable them to earn their living and become useful members in the society.

**Mrs. Seeta Chaudhuri**

*Hony. Secretary.*



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## APPENDICES

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**APPENDIX IA**  
**NARI SEVA SANGHA, CALCUTTA.**

*Statement of Cash receipts & payments from January 1944  
to 15th July 1944.*

Receipts.	Expenditure
Donation            Rs. 18,684 0 0	Maintenance of
'Flag Day'	Homes ...    Rs 3,800 0 0
Collection ...    Rs. 1 776 4 6	'Flag Day'
Subscription      Rs.    745 0 0	Expenses ...    Rs.    146 11 0
	General
	Expenses ...    Rs.    169 8 0
	Bank Charges    Rs.    12 3 0
	Cash in hand    Rs.    100 0 0
	Cash with Bank as
	on 14. 7. 44.    Rs. 17,028 11 0
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	Rs 21,257 1 0
	Less the amount of
	3 cheques not yet
	cashed hence not de-
	bited by the Bank ... 51 12 6
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Rs. 21,205 4 6	Rs. 21,205 4 6

*Detailed Statement of Expenses from Jan. to 15th July 1944.*

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1. A/c. Maintenance of Homes :-	
Bhola Karmakutir ...	Rs. 1,700 0 0
Do                    ...	Rs. 700 0 0 (Purchase of
	Yarn)
Lake Road Home ...	Rs. 400 0 0
Sishu Raksha, Tamluk	Rs. 1000 0 0
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	Rs. 3,800 0 0
2. Flag Day expenses :-	
For Flags, Badges,	{
Pins, etc	}
Rs.    70    0    0	
Rs.    31   14   0	
Rs.    25    0    0	
Rs.    17    0    0	
Rs.    2    13   0	
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	Rs. 146 11 0
3. General Expenses :-	
For Stamps, Stationery,	{
Printing, Hiring of	}
Rs.    60    5    0	
Rs.    34    8    0	
Rs.    22    0    0	
Rs.    9    12   6	
Rs.    20   14   0	
Rs.    22    0    6	
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	Rs. 169 8 0

# NARI SEVA SANGHA

*Statement of receipts and payments of cheques meant for its  
Co-ordinated Bodies from January to 15th July, 1944.*

1. Rs. 788/- in Cheque donated by Mr. V. N. Barve for M. A. R. S. and handed on to Mohila Atmaraksha Samiti on or about 14. 4. 44

2. Rs 500/- in Cheque donated by Bengal Relief for Noakhali M. A. R. S. and passed on to the party concerned on 17. 6. 44.

*Statement of Articles received and disbursed from January 1944  
to 15th July 1944.*

Receipts		Disbursements
Saree	... 300 pieces.	Bengal Women's Food Committee ... 200 pieces
		Calcutta Relief Committee ... 50 pieces
		Stock in hand ... 50 pieces
		300

Mrs. Seeta Chaudhuri  
*Hony. Secretary.*

## Appendix I B

### Nari Seva Sangha, Statement of Cash Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Balance in hand and Bank ...	.....	17,076 14 6
Donation ...	14,926 3 6	
Subscription ...	265 0 0	
Sale of yarn ...	3,572 8 6	
Govt. Contract ...	1,215 0 0	
Sale of Mats ...	24 12 0	
Interest on Bank deposits ...	32 12 0	
Govt. Grant for cloth ...	216 0 0	
Ananda Ashram ...	125 0 0	
Income from Exhibition ...	7,112 3 6	
Advance from Rampara Welfare Society ...	11,322 0 9	
	<hr/>	38,811 7 9
<i>Bank Reconciliation Statement.</i>		
The Comilla Union Bank Ltd.		
Balance as per account ...	16,916 11 6	
<i>Add Cheques outstanding—</i>		
No. 1684 ... 100 0 0		
, 8829 ... 24 0 0		
" 8855 .. 334 3 6	<hr/> 458 3 6	
<i>Less deposit not yet credited...</i>		
	17,874 15 0	
	351 0 0	
	<hr/> 17,023 15 0	
<i>Less Difference in carry forward on 27-1-45 as per Bank Statement</i> ...	100 0 0	
	<hr/> 55,888 6 3	
<i>Balance as per Bank Statement</i>	16,923 15 0	
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We have compiled the above statement of cash receipts and payments for the period from 16-7-44 to 31-8-45 from books and

# Calcutta.

from 16-7-44 to 31-3-45

PAYMENTS.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
<i>Office Establishment</i>						
Salary	587	1	6			
Rent	200	0	0			
Printing, stationery,						
conveyance	283	11	0			
Electric charges	5	2	0			
Postage	69	8	6			
Advertisement	26	13	0			
Photographic charges	17	0	0			
Bank charges	11	12	0			
Miscellaneous	117	7	9			
	1,318	7	9			
<i>Expenses for Homes.</i>						
Lake Road Home	7,682	15	6			
Manikgunge Home*	500	0	0			
Noakhali Home	1,454	3	6			
Bhola Home	600	0	0			
<i>Expenses for Industrial Centres.</i>						
Banharishpur centre	1,956	6	6	10,237	3	0
Champatala centre	300	0	0			
	2,256	6	6			
	2,906	7	3			
	2,230	4	0			
	11,322	0	9			
<i>Expenses for Training Camp.</i>						
Govt. contract						
Purchase of yarn						
Repayment of Advance to						
Rampara Welfare Society						
Purchase of cloth						
Exhibition Expenses						
Ananda Ashram						
<i>Cash Balance on 31-3-45.</i>						
With Secretary	10	0	0			
.. Asst. Secretary	55	14	3			
With T. C. Superintendent	160	0	3			
In petty cash	3	3	0			
With Bank	16,916	11	6			
	17,145	13	0			
	55,888	6	3			

vouchers produced before us. We certify that the above Statement of Cash Account agrees with the Books.

Sd./- H. M. Majumdar & Co.

\*Industrial Centre

Incorporated Accountants (Lond.)

**Appendix I C**  
**Nari Seva Sangha,**  
**1944**

*Statement of Cash Receipts*

RECEIPTS.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Gate Tickets & Collections	...			1,626	9	6
Stall Fees	...			207	0	0
Raffle Account	...			2,377	0	0
 Entertainments Account.						
Balkunther Khata	...	604	0	0		
Purva Parishad	...	442	0	0		
Dance Programme	..	580	0	0		
I. P. T. A.	..	671	0	0		
Sale of Special Cards	..	365	0	0		
Programme Sale	...	6	2	0		
				2,668	2	0
 Lucky Dip Account	..			151	8	0
 <i>Miscellaneous</i>						
Free Gift Stall	...	35	4	0		
Chura Sale	..	46	12	0		
				82	0	0
				7,112	3	6

We have examined the above Statement of Cash receipts and Payments of 1944 Exhibition of Nari Seva Sangha, Calcutta, with Statements and Vouchers produced before us and subject to our report of even date we have found the same to be correct.

8, Old Post Office Street,  
 Calcutta.

Sd./ H. M. Majumdar & Co.  
 Incorporated Accountants (Lond.)

The 23rd March, 1945.

**Calcutta  
Exhibition  
and Payments.**

PAYMENTS	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
<i>Exhibition Expenses.</i>		
Decoration	850 0 0	
Publicity	543 4 0	
Printing Charges	180 0 0	
Stationery	43 0 0	
Lights	146 0 0	
Volunteers' Tiffin	43 12 0	
Social Hygiene Stalls	25 0 0	
Police, Guards & Menial Staff	37 0 0	
Miscellaneous	53 1 0	
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		1,921 4 0
<i>Raffle Account.</i>		
Prizes	768 6 0	
Advertisement	28 0 0	
Printing	35 0 0	
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		831 6 0
<i>Entertainments Account.</i>		
Stage & Lighting	91 0 0	
Dress	25 0 0	
Programme	97 8 0	
Tea	5 14 0	
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		219 6 0
<i>Lucky Dip Account</i>		
<i>Meeting &amp; Conferences</i>		
Chairs & Microphones	89 0 0	
Photographs	86 0 0	
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		175 0 0
<i>Cash Balance (Certified by the Secretary) General Account (with Comilla Union Bank</i>		
Ltd.)	3,068 15 6	
Cheques in hand	765 4 0	
Cash in hand	81 0 0	
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		3,865 3 6
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		7,112 3 6
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**Appendix II A**  
**Nari Seva Sangha,**  
*Statement of Yarn Purchased*

Yarn Purchase including handling charges			Expenditure		
			Rs.	As.	P.
2/20 <sup>s</sup>	Grey Madura Yarn	..	7 Bales contg. 280 Bundles.	4270	2 6
2/42 <sup>s</sup>	,, Cotton Yarn	...	3 Bales. Contg. 120 Bundles.	2828	8 0
10½ <sup>s</sup>	Red ,,,	..	2 Bales. Contg. 60 Bundles.	1423	7 6
40 <sup>s</sup>	Grey Cotton Yarn	...	1 Bale. Contg 40 Bundles	767	12 0
20 <sup>s</sup>	Grey ,,,	-..	2 Bales. Contg. 80 Bundles.	997	6 0
10	Grey <sup>s</sup> ,,,	..	3 Bales. Contg. 120 Bundles.	1034	12 0

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11,322 0 0

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# Calcutta

*and Distributed from January '45 to 31st March, '45.*

Yarn Distributed		Receipt.
2/20 <sup>s</sup> Grey Hindu Mission ...	1 Bale 20 Bdl.	Rs. As. P.
Saroj Nalini Dutta Memorial Inst. ..	14 ,,	
Friends Ambulance Unit ...	1 Bale	
Nari Seva Sangha, Home ..	1 ,,	
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	2 Bales 35 Bdl	1,752 4 6
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2/42 <sup>s</sup> Grey-Hindu Mission ...	20 Bdl.	
Saroj Nalini Dutta Memorial Inst. ...	1 Bdl.	
Peoples' Relief Committee ...	5 Bdl.	
Friends' Ambulance Unit ..	20 ,,	
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	1 Bale 6 Bdl.	1,083 10 6
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40 <sup>s</sup> Grey-Hindu Mission ..	10 Bdl.	
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	10 Bdl.	191 7 6
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10½ <sup>s</sup> Red Saroj Nalini Dutta Memorial Inst. ...	2 Bdl.	47 6 0
20 <sup>s</sup> Grey-Hindu Mission ...	1 Bale	497 12 0
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		3,572 8 6

### Balance in hand

2/20 <sup>s</sup> Grey 4 Bales 5 Bdl	Rs. 2,517 14 0
2/42 <sup>s</sup> " 1 Bale 34 "	Rs. 1,744 13 6
10 <sup>s</sup> " 3 Bales	Rs. 1,034 12 0
40 <sup>s</sup> Grey 30 Bdl	Rs. 576 4 6
10½ <sup>s</sup> Red 58 "	Rs. 1,876 1 6
20 <sup>s</sup> Grey 1 Bale	Rs. 499 10 0
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	7,749 7 6
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	11,322 0 0

Mrs. SEETA CHAUDHURI  
Hon. Secretary.

**APPENDIX IIB**  
**Nari Seva Sangha, Calcutta**

*Statement of Cloth purchased disbursed from  
 17.7.44 to 31.3.45.*

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>DISBURSEMENT</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Cloth Purchased at half price for free distribution.		Cloth distributed free 38 pairs.	99 12 0
38 pairs.	99 12 0		
	99 12 0		99 12 0

Mrs. Seeta Chaudhuri

*Hony. Secretary.*

## APPENDIX III

### GENERAL MEMBERS

#### *I. Co-ordinated organisations & their Representatives.*

1. Bengal Presidency Council of Women.  
Mrs. Leela Mazumdar, 30, Chowringhee  
Mrs. Keron Bose, 14A, St. Georges Terrace, Hastings.
2. Bengal Women's Food Committee,  
Dr. (Mrs.) Subarna Mitra, 3A, Sukea Street.  
Miss Dipti Bose, 78, Sambhunath Pandit Street.
3. Calcutta Relief Committee.  
Sj. Jnananjan Neogi, Commercial Museum, Calcutta.
4. Calcutta Vigilance Association.  
Mrs. H Mitra, 165, Park Street.  
J. K Biswas Esqr. 32, Lansdowne Terrace.
5. Dover Road Canteen Committee.  
Sm. Mira Dutt Gupta, 41, Hazra Road..  
Sm. Tushar Sen, 43/3, Hazra Road.
6. Friends' Ambulance Unit  
Mr. S. D. Lee, 1, Upper Wood Street.
7. Hindu Mission  
Mr. Amal Das, 32B, Harish Chatterjee Street.
8. Hindu Mahasabha  
J. N. Banerjee Esqr. 11A, Chowringhee Terrace.
9. Hindu Sishu O Prasuti Bhawan  
S. N. Mukharji Esqr., 25, Mirzapore Street.
10. Khristiya Karmi Sangha  
Asoke Sing Esqr. 28A, Sarat Ghose Street, Entally.
11. Lilooah Abala Asram  
Mrs. B. M. Sen, 16, Palm Avenue  
P. D. Himat-Singka Esqr. 51A, Gariahat Road.
12. Maharashtra Bhagini Samaj.  
Secretary, 85/1/1, Beltola Road.

13. Mahila Atma Raksha Samiti  
 Mrs. Kamala Mukherji, 1/5, Fern Road  
 Mrs. Juinful Roy, 40-1A, Gokul Baral Street.
14. Nari Siksha Samiti  
 Mrs S. C. Roy, 14/5, Gariahat Road.
15. People's Relief Committee  
 Prof S Sarkar M A. (Oxon) 27A, Elgin Road.
16. Rampara Welfare Society  
 Mr. K. L. Dey, C2, Jagannath Ghat Road.  
 Mr. S C Basu, 8, Ashton Road.
17. Saroj Nalin Dutt Memorial Association,  
 Miss. N. B. Shome, 76A, Chakraberia Road (North).  
 Dr. P. Neogi, D. Sc., 44A, New Shyambazar Street,
18. Y. W. C. A.  
 Mrs. Dey, 1 Russell Street.  
 Miss Lester, 1, Russell Street.
19. Ballygunge Relief Committee.  
 Mrs. Seeta Chaudhuri, 52, Ballygunge Circular Road.
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## *II. Individuals*

- Kamal De Esq. (*Life member*), 2, Rowland Road.  
 Sm. Kanan Devi (*Life member*), Kabir Road.  
 P. R. Nair Esq. (*Life member*), P103, Prinsep Street.  
 Dr. B. C. Roy, D.S.C.F.R.C.S.L., 36, Wellington Street,  
 Dr. Sourin Ghosh, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.L., 15-1, Loudon St.  
 K. U. Patel Esq., P6, Mission Row.  
 Dr. S. B. Dutt, 12, Earle Street.  
 Mrs. S. K. Sen, 16, Palm Avenue  
 .. D. M. Bose, 93-1, Upper Circular Road.  
 .. Rani Mahalanobis, 87, Barrackpore Trunk Road.  
 .. S. C. Gupta, 4, Lee Road.  
 .. Nellie Sen Gupta, 7-5, Dumayne Avenue, Kidderpore.  
 .. Renuka Roy, 6, Store Road.

Mrs. J. N. Sinha, Sunny Bank, Chinsura.  
 .. Usha Halder, Commissioner's House, Chinsura.  
 .. S. R. Das, 1, Auckland Place.  
 .. Protima Roy, 15, Chittaranjan Avenue, Calcutta.  
 .. T. N. Banerjee, 83, Sambunath Pandit St.  
 .. Geeta Mallick, 2, Alipore Park Avenue.  
 .. Bela Lahiri, 95-1A, Serpentine Lane.  
 .. B. B. Das Gupta, 2-57, Kankulia Road.  
 Sm. Labanya Mitra, 25A, Kailash Bose St.  
 Dr. Mrs S Mitra, Deptt. of Health, Govt of Bengal.  
 Sm. J. Das Gupta, 44, Hazra Road.  
 Sm. Manikuntala Sen, 11B, Fern Road.  
 Sj. Satis Das Gupta, Khadi Pratisthan, College Street.  
 Dr. J. B. Grant, All India Institute of Hygiene & Public  
     Health, 110, Chittaranjan Avenue.  
 Rev. C. J. Alchin, Garrison Chaplain, Fort William.  
 Sj. Charu Chandra Mitra, 53, Keshab Ch. Sen Street  
 Mr. Hardat Rai, 8 Royal Exchange Place.

## APPENDIX IV

### LIST OF DONORS

*From January, 1944 to 15th July, 1944*

	Rs.	As.	P.
Bengal Relief Association, New Delhi	10,000	0	0
P. C. Chaudhuri Esqr., Calcutta	2,001	0	0
Sankal Chand G. Shah & Co., Calcutta	1,000	0	0
B. K. Basu Esqr., Calcutta	1,000	0	0
Secretary, Bengal Relief Committee, Calcutta	1,000	0	0
Probhat C. Chaudhuri Esqr.	1,000	0	0
Sm. Kanan Debi, Calcutta	505	0	0
Mahila Atmaraksha Samiti, Calcutta	500	0	0
Proprietor, Vande-Mataram, Bombay	500	0	0
P. R. Nair Esqr., Calcutta	301	0	0
N. R. Sarkar Esqr., Calcutta	200	0	0
S. Chaudhuri Esqr., Calcutta	200	0	0
Employees, National Insurance Co., Calcutta	125	0	0
Paritosh Banerjee Esqr., Calcutta	100	0	0

Mahila Atmaraksha Samiti Charu Avenue, Calcutta	75	0	0
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